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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011
(Item 3 (b))

Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 18th meeting, on 23 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/63/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme, including for its important coordination role.

4. The view was expressed that the overall orientation of the programme was ambitious and that emphasis should be placed on supporting Africa in its efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

5. Support was expressed for the role of subprogramme 3 in raising international awareness of the situation in Africa. The view was expressed that the issuance of the magazine *Africa Renewal* might not be sufficient in that regard, and that other

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means should also be used. In this context, views were expressed that strategic relations must be developed with academic institutions in Africa highlighting the potential catalytic role of this subprogramme in information exchanges on best practices as well as building networks and gender-targeted programmes.

6. The efforts of the United Nations were welcomed and support was expressed for all thematic clusters. The desire for the development of regional programmes with a view to creating markets for the exchange of goods and services within Africa was also expressed.

7. Views were expressed that some of the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further improvement and refinement. Clarification was sought on the formulation of certain aspects of the strategies of the subprogrammes as well as on the measurability and specificity of some expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa include the outcomes of future meetings dedicated to the development of Africa, such as the two high-level meetings on development to be held during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.**

9. **The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Subprogramme 1
Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Strategy

Paragraph 9.9

Replace the first sentence with the following: "The responsibility of this subprogramme is vested in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, who will be proactive in working closely with Member States, the African Union, the NEPAD secretariat and the entire United Nations system (including the Bretton Woods institutions) in the performance of its functions.

Renumber paragraph 9.9 as 9.7 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) (i) with the following: "The number of recommendations in the reports of the Secretary-General incorporated into resolutions on African development adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Human Rights Council and other intergovernmental organs of the United Nations".

Subprogramme 3
Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Objective of the Organization

Replace the words "critical economic and social situation" with the words "critical economic, social and environmental situation".

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (a) (ii) with the following: "Increased number of magazines published in a timely manner".

Redesignate indicator (c) as (c) (i).

Add a new indicator (c) (ii) to read:

"(ii) Number of United Nations information centres reported to have proactively performed public advocacy on the issue of African development as part of their work".